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Active Shooter Response Training

Tucson Fire's Disaster and Emergency Services Division and the Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Arizona as part of their ongoing education program to improve Tucson 's community preparedness is bringing in some experts from the medical emergency and trauma response fields to present a training program



on what you should do if you find yourself in an active shooter situation. They'll also cover how the region will be impacted if nearby large metro areas are ever hit with a disaster (Improvised Nuclear Devices, natural disasters, etc.) so we have an idea of what services we have to offer and how they will be stressed. Remember after hurricane Katrina how we were seeing refugees for a while? This would be that, on steroids.

I think this training is something TUSD, our other educational institutions and of course the medical community should be involved with. It's also something that is open to the general public to participate in. I'm sure none of the folks sitting in the movie theater in Aurora had in mind how to react to what they experienced / or at the Sandy Hook elementary school.

There are some common sense guidelines – first, make yourself safe / try to help others / stay out of the way of first responders when they arrive on the scene. But during this training you'll hear much more from experts in the field of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care. While that's a program initially geared to military and law enforcement agencies, the training we'll be given through TFD and MRCSA is redesigned to make it applicable to anyone, and everyone – non-emergency personnel, parents, teachers, clergy, etc. It'll include a course on violent encounter/active shooter training- what to do, what not to do- whether at work, school, church or a public venue such as shopping malls, sporting events, etc. and will teach what you should have in your first aid kit at home, work or car.

The groups goal is to make Tucson the first truly trained resilient City. There has been recent Federal attention given to how we would react to an attack or natural disaster that impacted our power grid. Reduction in mortality is of course the overall goal, but how we manage our lives on a personal level is a part of this. The TECC course will expand that resiliency focus to include the sorts of tragic incidents we see far too much of in the news / and in our own community. Information



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department

911 or 791-4444 nonemergency

Mayor & Council Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance 791-3154

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline 243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

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on how non-police and fire residents should respond in case of a shooting or other assault – regardless of the location – is how the course will be presented. We've all seen the mass shootings happening at soft targets where defenses are few and emotional trauma is magnified. We know better than to think our community is invulnerable.

If you'd like to register, contact Dr. Sheldon Marks @ 390-5534 or Shfmarks@gmail.com or call us at the Ward 6 office and we can give you some direction on how to sign up. There's an element of personal responsibility in being prepared that this course will address.

Classes are Saturday, Feb 22 two sessions- a morning session that's full, and an afternoon session that'll go from 1 to 5. They'll be held at the Pima County Medical Society Office @ 5199 E. Farness. You must register if you want to participate.

Every citizen is in fact a potential true first responder - actions taken those first 30 seconds often make the difference between life and death. No longer can we simply wait until the paramedics arrive.

More Tucson Firefighters

I occasionally share some of the great work being done out in the community by our Fire Department personnel. It happens every shift they work. Here's an example from last week.

At around midnight on February 7th (12:02 am) TFD was dispatched to an apartment fire. They arrived 4 minutes later, and the fire was under control by 12:22 am. Three people were rescued from the apartment through a window. A total of five people were eventually displaced from their homes. One of them – one from the affected apartment – is a paraplegic.

Once the firefighters arrived on the scene and had carried the victims out from a window, they entered the apartment and extinguished the fire. Due to the heavy smoke, they had to cut holes in the roof to allow for visibility inside. A total of eight TFD units and 21 firefighters responded and controlled the fire within 16 minutes after showing up. The Red Cross is taking care of the victims whose lives were saved by our guys.

While the origin and cause of the fire are still being investigated, TFD wants to remind you that more than ½ of residential fire deaths occur in fires that start between 11pm and 7am. In this case the resident told our folks that there were no batteries in the smoke alarm. When was the last time you replaced yours?

Thanks to TFD, Chief Critchley and his staff for the great work they do in support of the community.

CPR – Check, Call, Compress

Also in the area of making yourself prepared to respond when an unexpected emergency

hits, the CPR training we introduced last year with the Gootter Foundation is back for a repeat of the training. In the case of sudden cardiac arrest, you can help to save a life if you know some very basic and easy to learn techniques.

If you see someone collapse unexpectedly it's usually the result of cardiac arrest. Studies have shown that by doing chest compressions only, without mouth-to-mouth breathing, the person's chance of survival is increased. Follow these three steps to perform Chest-Compression-Only Resuscitation:

- 1. Check for responsiveness. Shake the person and shout, "Are you OK?"
- 2. Call--Direct someone to call 9-1-1 or make the call yourself if the person is unrespon-I sive and struggling to breathe (gasping or snoring).
- 3. Compress--Begin forceful chest compressions at a rate of 100 per minute. Position the victim back down on the floor. Place the heel of one hand on top of the other and place the heel of the bottom hand on the center of the victim's chest. Lock your elbows and compress the chest forcefully; make sure you lift up enough to let the chest recoil.

If an AED (heart with lightening flash symbol) is available, turn the unit on and follow the voice instructions. If no AED (automated external defibrillator) is available, perform chest compressions continuously until the paramedics arrive. This is physically tiring so if someone else is available, take turns after each 100 chest compressions.

Here's a website that describes the techniques in some short videos. http://bealifesavertucson.org/learn-cpr-steve-kerr

The Gootter folks offered this training during a first-half time out at the Oregon State men's basketball game in McKale last weekend. In March, they'll also present it at a Phoenix Suns Governor Janice game. If your organization would like information on getting an AED into your work space, call us at the Ward office and we'll help to get you in touch with the Gootter people.

Finally, I've sometimes been asked if by stepping in to try to help will you expose yourself to personal liability. That falls under "Good Samaritan Laws." In this case, a Good Samaritan is a lay person who uses an AED to render emergency care at the scene of an accident. If you do that, unless there is 'willful misconduct or gross negligence' you're not subject to civil liability. Here's a link to look at the Arizona Good Samaritan law http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ars/36/02263.htm.

Sticks and Guns

In an article in the Star on Saturday I was described as an "anti-gun zealot." That's ignorant. What I am zealous about is common sense in how we craft legislation that protects the safety of the public. To that end, I offer this as an example of a total lack of common sense – but Rothschild is supported by the 'pro-gun zealots' (fair's fair.)

First I'll ask 'what is the bigger risk inside a state capitol building: openly carrying an American flag on a stick, or an assault rifle?' In Virginia, visitors to the State legislature cannot bring American flags and signs affixed to sticks, because capitol security considers sticks a public threat. Firearms, however, are allowed.

Here are two pictures that show what's prohibited, and what's allowed:



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R) 520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R) 520-575-8633

Congressman Ron Barber (D) (2nd District) 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D) (3th District) 520-622-6788

Brewer (R) Governor of Arizona 602-542-4331

Toll free: 1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free Telephone: 1-800-352-8404 **Internet:** www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan 791-4201

City Infoguide http:// cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ infoguide



I've worked with Moms Demand Action at a few events. It was their group who discovered the 'stick' prohibition when they arrived at a Martin Luther King, Jr. rally at the Virginia State Capitol. No sticks allowed because they



can be used as weapons. But as you can see in the photo above, the gun slung over the guys shoulder is allowed. So the Moms tore the dowels out of the flags and were ushered through the entrance alongside the guys with the guns.

It wasn't a unique incident. The same weekend, gun violence prevention activists faced a similar situation in the Washington State capitol. Moms Demand Action's Washington Chapter Leader Kate Beck said the group arrived to lobby the capitol for gun violence action, only to find out all signs with sticks could not be carried inside. However, Washington State allows firearms on its capitol campus.

The context in which the 'zealot' comment was made was an article about a proposed State (Arizona) law that opens we as council members to personal lawsuits if we pass a gun related ordinance that the courts eventually find overstepped State pre-emption authority. It would also open other City staff to personal lawsuits if they enforce what we adopt. It shows a complete ignorance of the process we go through when adopting local ordinances. In the case of the TCC background check issue, I began that effort by asking our City Attorney how we might take a legal local stand in support of background checks. Our legal team researched the statutes and we began a back-and-forth of sharing ideas, proposed language and eventually came up with something that passed legal muster for the M&C to consider. We'll continue to follow those rational protocols, regardless of the foolishness that continues to come out of Phoenix.



Here's something that isn't foolish. The Drachman Institute is joining the Health in Policy and Practice team to present a workshop on how to integrate healthy community design into local community design decisions. The workshop is free and open to the public. In Ward 6 we have some very engaged neighborhoods and so this might be an interesting forum for some of you to consider. It's not about changing local zoning, but giving some areas to consider when engaging in community design discussions. More broadly though, the folks putting on the forum have

listed these groups as potentially benefitting most from what'll be offered:

- **→** Planning professionals
- **→** Impact assessment specialists
- **→** Healthcare professionals
- **→** Private industry professionals
- **→** Economic developers
- **→** Public health practitioners
- **→** Epidemiologists
- + Policy analysts
- **→** Equity advocates

In addition to building relationships with organizations and individuals you might not already know, the workshop will highlight the role of public health in policy efforts, teach about the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) process, suggest HIA tools and resources and offer a chance for you to engage on how to conduct an HIA in your own area.

The workshop is on Friday, February 14th from 9am until 4pm. It'll be at the Abrams Public Health Center @ 3950 S. Country Club. The HIP2 folks will provide a lunch. Here's a link you can use to register:

http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=vfu4xhcab&oeidk=a07e8tts17cf89b9f2d

In addition to the Health in Policy and Practice group and Drachman, the Pima County Health Department is also sponsoring this event. All deserve credit for the time they're putting into hosting the forum.

More Pima County

On Arizona Illustrated last Friday I made the point that there's a whole lot more cooperation going on between the City and County than you read or hear about in the media. When we work together, it's not news worthy. Here's another example of support we've gotten from the County Department of Environmental Quality. It's related to the 115 year old house that many of us who live in and around Rincon Heights / and the University in general / have been trying to save from demolition.

The builder was set to demo the site a couple of weeks ago. The County advised him that there would first need to be a hazardous materials assessment done on the site. They had until last Friday to submit a thorough survey to PDEQ. Failing to provide that survey, Pima County would take their own samples and advise them that, should they go ahead with the demolition prior to knowing the results of the sampling, they could face some serious fines. Most owners choose to wait on the results. The standard is > 1% asbestos.

In this case all of the parties know the facility is regulated under the asbestos NESHAP (National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants) regulations. Generally the contractors take samples and submit them for testing. There's a 10 day waiting period built into the process before demo can begin. That 10 days expires on Monday, February 10th. The builder can extend the grace period until the results are in.

PDEQ is in communication with both the contractor and the property owner on this case and

are planning to conduct an inspection on Monday. The builder has drawn a line in the sand that unless somebody buys him out, or promises \$60K for his investors, he's turning the house into student housing. The City has done what it can. The County has also. The longer term impact on a person's reputation doesn't come with a price tag.

Grand Canyon University

Last year when we were considering GCU and finding them a home there were lots of people who said the M&C missed an opportunity. At the time I took the position that the deal wasn't what was appearing in the media. What was being told to the GCU shareholders, and what we were being told by staff were two different project descriptions. I continue to believe that, and now have some very current information to support the thought.

Senate Bill 1303 is now making its way through the State legislature. I watched the committee hearing on it on Saturday night and found some of the comments consistent with my earlier suspicions. The Bill is GCU asking to be treated the same as non-profit and State Universities for the purpose of tax obligations. They're a private, for-profit institution and so this would significantly decrease their tax liability. It would also shift their tax burden onto other property owners in the Alhambra School District up in Mesa (estimated at a \$9M shift.) It would also set up a long line of businesses who could come in and make the same plea; that is, change our assessment ratio so we pay fewer taxes because of the economic impact we'll bring. GCU is the first in line.

During his testimony before the committee, their lobbyist said that when they were down here in Tucson, they were proposing to take El Rio and move it from 'exempt' status and bring it onto the tax rolls. Odd that they're now lobbying to change State law so they're treated differently than that. One wonders if they'd have simply stayed private and paid all the taxes if they had ended up on El Rio. I doubt it.

The guy also confirmed that the vast majority of their students are not residential. That's important because it falls in line with what they were telling their shareholders here; that is, they had no intention of building dorms initially since most of their students would be commuters. But the dorms are where the lion's share of the economic development they were pitching to the City came in. During the committee hearing the guy said "Plans to expand are just plans." The point was that even up in Mesa, without the special tax treatment, the Plans may stay on the drawing board. The guy said that they had asked for 'zero incentives' in either Tucson or Mesa. This effort to take on a dramatically different tax treatment is an incentive that every business would want.

Olivia Cajero-Bedford voted correctly to reject the special treatment. It's a tax shift that benefits GCU, and harms the property owners in that school district. If the State is going to change assessment ratios, do it for everybody and don't just single out this one supplicant. I would continue to welcome GCU in our region, but on a level playing field with the rest of the private sector, and not under terms that would shift tax burdens to others in the area. And yes, I admit that it's nerdy to watch the State legislature committee hearings. But in this case, it confirmed some of what my objections to GCU have been – and hopefully those in the local area who were so hot on them last year will now see that it wasn't all that it was cracked up to be.

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum Lecture Series

I'm guessing that most of you aren't familiar with a weekly lecture series that's offered related to our local history and transportation/rail and our regional development. The lectures are free and open to the public. There's a particularly interesting one coming on February 16th called "Riders on the Orphan Train."

Between 1854 and 1929 over a quarter of a million orphans and unwanted children were taken out of New York City and were simply given away at train stations across America – in every state in the continental U.S. The program ended in Sulfur Springs, Texas in 1929 – likely some tie-into the depression.

Alison Moore has authored a book on the program called 'Riders on the Orphan Train.' On the 16th, she'll be on hand to do a dramatic reading of portions of the book, and her colleague Phillip Lancaster will present a multi-media program that'll include interviews with survivors and archival photographs of the event as it unfolded. The original intent of the "placing out" system was to rid the streets of New York of orphans – and to help with the overcrowding of orphanages. Many of the kids were not 'orphans,' but were simply surrendered by parents who were too poor to keep them. Hard to imagine.

The presentation will occur at 3pm at the S.A. Transportation Museum (414 N. Toole.) If you'd like to learn more, call them at 623.2223.

We have local relatives and acquaintances of the Orphan Train Riders. The people putting on the forum invite any of them to attend and share their stories.

And here's the schedule for upcoming series presentations (they're all at 3pm at the same location:)

- Feb. 16: Riders on the Orphan Train Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster
 A mixed media program about the Orphan Train movement and its ties to Arizona
 This program is made possible by a grant from the Arizona Humanities Council
- Feb. 23: Railroads of the Sulphur Springs Valley (Updated) Richard Dick An update from 2013's presentation with more information and current photographs
- Mar. 2: Tucson's Historical Street Car Systems Gene Caywood A look into Tucson's early streetcar systems
- Mar. 9: What Does a Conductor Do? Mike Bording
 A presentation about how conductors' jobs have changed over the years by a retired railroad conductor
- Mar. 23: The Arizona Southern Railroad Richard Dick The railroad that went to the Silverbell Mountains



Modern Streetcar

On a related note, we now have 4 of the streetcars we've ordered here in Tucson and undergoing testing. The FTA requires a 100km test period for each car. If there's a significant failure during the final 10k of that testing, that car has to restart that final portion of the testing until it passes.

We've been saying that our goal is to start revenue operations by July of this summer. I've been dubious that our vendor (Oregon Ironworks) will meet that schedule. Given that, several months ago I pushed to have the City advise OIW that we're counting damages and will assess them when the final car has arrived and is ready for operation. We're supposed to have all 8 cars up and ready before we're allowed to start taking on passengers. I'm told that the City is in touch with the Feds to try to get a waiver from that standard so we can start operating before the full system is here and running.

Our contract is a \$26M deal with the OIW subsidiary United Streetcar. As you know, this is a jointly funded project – approved by the voters in 2006 – with the money coming from the FTA and RTA. The City is on the hook for funding construction shortages, and O&M once we start rolling with passengers. It's relevant now because of us being in budget talks. The O&M has been estimated at about \$2.2M for FY'15. Staff has said that that's the amount we'll have to find "after considering revenues from other sources (e.g. fare box revenue and the RTA.)" It'll be a General Fund obligation going forward, unless a dedicated funding source is identified. It'll join the money we support the Sun Tran system with. But first, the burden is on OIW to get us the cars so we can take ownership and start running the system.

I'm hopeful that the FTA will let us start ahead of having all 8 cars here – but that's not our call, so we're at their mercy as to what number of cars we'll be allowed to start with. I'll also want our staff to make sure we're not letting OIW off the Liquidated Damages hook by starting early. They're under contract and I won't support easing the terms of that deal just to start the system running early. Our Federal delegation is also helping to push this issue along.

We received a Comprehensive Operational Analysis related to the bus system. It's about a 700 page analysis of each of our bus routes, how they're performing and suggestions for building efficiencies into the system. We'll have to absorb that information, combine it with the fare study given to us by the Transit Task Force and Staff (you've seen their proposal two newsletters ago,) and then figure in the streetcar uncertainties to come up with an overall transit plan.

I'm still going through the COA, but one thing we'll have to keep in mind is that the system has to be efficient for all of our riders. If we skew routes to people who may be money-poor, but have a lot of time on their hands, we might be forcing the low income/two job/single parent riders out of the system. They may be money poor, but they're not time rich. We need to preserve a good network and not cause people to waste time with a system that offers poor connections.

About ½ of our riders are money poor/time poor - working two jobs and taking a class and rushing to daycare – but the health of the system will have to be built on expanding ridership to those who can afford our full base fares. We'll all be looking at the COA and fare recommendations. And we're reliant on Staff to keep leaning on OIW to get the Sun Link system up and running as quickly as possible. It's not only a Link from the UA campus to downtown, but also a Link in our overall transit system that the fare structure is taking into consideration.

It will hit our General Fund – Staff has made that clear. It has to be a part of our budget discussions.

Office of Integrated Planning

Related to City projects and how we engage public input is this update on the roll-out of the OIP. They've launched a web site that is in its infancy. Here's a link: www.tucsonaz.gov/integrated-planning. It's a mission statement with some links to projects they're involved with, services you can access through the City, OIP staff and more.

Last month we hosted a community forum at the Ward 6 office during which the OIP staff presented their vision and goals. They also took a considerable amount of input from the many people who took the time to come and participate. Now, they've scheduled a follow up meeting to talk about progress they've made, and how that input has been integrated into the overall plan. That meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26th from 6:30 until 8pm at the Community Resource Campus at 320 N. Commerce Park Loop. One of the big issues we heard during the first meeting revolved around communications between the City and the Community. That'll be the focus of this 2nd meeting.

Of course the meeting is free and open to the public. Continuing to engage and absorb public input is what these meetings are all about. The honcho of the OIP, Nicole Ewing-Gavin and her right hand Rebecca Ruopp deserve credit for the work they're putting into making this administrative reorganization a success, ultimately making the City a more efficient operation.

UA School of Journalism

One more event to tell you about – the UA School of Journalism is hosting a presentation on the topic "Reporting Border Conflict; Stifled News, Lost Lives." It'll be held at the UA Center for Creative Photography on Tuesday, February 18th at 5pm. As with each of the other events I've shared, this is free and open to the public.

The presenters will each be a professional from the Journalism field, and each will bring direct, front line experience with reporting on border issues. Ricardo Sandoval Palos has reported from Latin America. Giannina Segnini is the investigations editor for La Nacion in Costa Rica. Mort Rosenblum is a Paris-based former AP special correspondent and a UA Journalism professor. And Bill Schmidt retired as New York Times deputy managing editor – also a UA Journalism professor. They've covered a variety of borders and border conflicts – from Sonora to Syria. What they say should be germane to much of the local news you read about, and from a perspective we don't often hear from.

For more details you can write to kateh@email.arizona.edu

Phoenix and Puppy Mills

I'm not sure yet when we'll be talking about the effort to encourage limiting pet store sales of dogs and cats to rescue agencies and shelters, but I thought I'd end this newsletter by giving high marks to the parent company of one of the largest shopping malls in Phoenix for refusing to renew leases to pet shops that sell live animals. They're limited to pet accessories.

Macerich Corp. owns Westcor Malls in the Phoenix area and up and down the west coast. They've told their pet store tenants that they want their focus to be on working with rescue agencies and shelters as a way to help combat puppy mills, and to help ease the overcrowded condition in the shelters. The Humane Society and ASPCA both applauded the move. None of our mall operators have yet taken that step, but I'm hopeful that when the M&C discuss this issue later this spring, it'll serve to shine a light on the horrible conditions the mills raise their animals in and lead to something similar in Tucson.

We're seeing a trend across the country in limiting sales of live animals in pet stores and working with shelter agencies. The Humane Society Petique opened in a Phoenix mall in 2009 and since then have adopted out over 2,000 pets through the rescue storefront. Both PetSmart and PetCo have been working with animal welfare groups for a long time and using their retail outlets as adoption centers. For some people who still have a tough time going to the shelters, these options are a great opportunity for them to be a part of the solution in a somewhat less troubling setting.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik

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Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

60th Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™: Diamonds, Gems, Silver, and Gold

February 13, 2014 - February 16, 2014

260 S. Church Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Saturday February 15th at 6:00 PM

2nd Annual Rialto Gala The fundraiser will feature smash hits performed LIVE by "60's Bandstand", creating a high energy environment for dancing the night away and Tucson's own Black Cherry Burlesque, combining classic American burlesque aesthetics from the 30s through 50s. The evening includes special guests, silent and live auctions, and more! http://www.rialtotheatre.com/

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 6:30 pm POVERTY: The Working Poor with Neal Conan Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:00 pm. www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Ongoing

Hotel Congress 311 E. Congress St.

http://hotelcongress.com/

Loft Cinema 3233 E. Speedway

www.loftcinema.com/

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Jewish History Museum. 564 S. Stone Ave.

The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum 1013 E. University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 2015 Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum 1601 E University Blvd

Ongoing "100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop 245 E Congress St

http://sacredmachine.com/

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.org